GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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SHIP AND PORT FACILITY SECURITY CODE
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Maritime Organisation has formulated an international ship and port facility security code; and

(b) if so, the Government`s stand thereon including the benefits likely to accrue to Indian ports?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Contracting parties to the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS 74) adopted amendments to SOLAS 74 and the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code during the Diplomatic Conference hel at International Maritime Organization (IMO), London in December, 2002Being a party to SOLAS 74, the Government of India welcomes the new maritime security measures. Implementation of these enhanced security measures would greatly reduce the risk from piracy, armed robbery, theft and terrorist attacks against India`s ship and port facilities.